

July 10, 2025
Baldwin, Michigan 49304

Regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Lake was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Commissioner Truxton.

Present - Gary Truxton, *LCRC Commissioner*
Richard Haslock, *LCRC Commissioner*
Don Divis, *LCRC Commissioner*
William VanDyke, *Finance & HR Manager*
Leroy Williams, *Manager*
~~Shawn MacDougall, Road Foreman~~
Al Dailey, *Road Foreman*
~~David Leusby, Shop Foreman~~
Austin MacDougall, *Assistant*
~~Dennis Robinson, Engineer Tech~~

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Haslock to approve June 26, 2025, regular meeting minutes.

Supported by Divis.

Yeas – Truxton, Haslock, Divis. Nays – 0. Absent – 0.

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

A motion was made by Divis to approve June 26, 2025, closed session minutes.

Supported by Haslock.

Yeas – Truxton, Haslock, Divis. Nays – 0. Absent – 0.

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

APPROVAL OF PAYABLES:

A motion was made by Haslock to approve:

Payroll Voucher	#5341	\$84,682.41
Accounts Payable Voucher	#5342	\$139,460.99
FSA Voucher	#5343	\$777.99

Supported by Divis.

Yeas – Truxton, Haslock, Divis. Nays – 0. Absent – 0.

Motion carried. Roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:

FINANCE & HR MANAGER:

The annual CRASIF rebate has been received.

Working on the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) required for the Protecting Michigan Pensions Grant.

The 2023 MDOT Audit will be submitted soon.

MANAGER:

Provided MI-Works with a letter of support for their program to assist people with obtaining a CDL.

The Velt Rd. remediation case has been settled for \$1,500.00 of restitution.

Presented a letter of gratitude from Great Lakes Energy for aid during the recent Northern Michigan ice storm.

Great Lakes Energy presented their powerline safety demonstration to educate road commission employees about the hazards of downed powerlines.

The repair of railroad crossings on 68th, 72nd, and 76th Streets will begin on July 28, 2025.

The road commission's pit day is scheduled for July 17, 2025.

Heavy Equipment Operators Josh Meyer, Scott MacDougall, Martin Balavitch, and Scott LaPointe will be attending a motor grader training event at John Deere's testing grounds courtesy of AIS Construction Equipment Corp.

ROAD FOREMAN:

MACDOUGALL –

Absent.

DAILEY –

Chip sealing is underway and should be finished in the next week, weather permitting.

Roadside mowing continues, now on county roads.

Will keep in contact with Gerber Construction to schedule maintenance repairs to the Luther and Baldwin Garages.

LEUSBY –

Absent.

William VanDyke reported that the bucket truck (unit #028) is out for needed repairs to be recertified.

Also considering disposal of other units that are no longer being used.

ROBINSON -

Absent.

Manager Williams answered questions from Commissioner Truxton on whether 48th Street construction will interfere with Troutarama events. Construction activities will not have any impact.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Divis expressed his safety concerns and frustration with MDOT's timeline to construct a roundabout at the North junction of US-10 and M-37. He would like to check with Wexford County to compare how quickly other projects of this nature have happened. He will continue to discuss this matter at the Paul Bunyan Council meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

Matt Candela of Maner Costerisan presented his findings on the FY2024 audit. He congratulated the board for the improved level of the fund balance which will offer some financial stability. He thanked William Van Dyke and Austin MacDougall for their work in providing the needed reports to conduct the audit.

Commissioner Divis thanked Lake County Emergency Management Director Erik King for his service to the county and wishes him well as he moves to Wexford County. Also thanked County Commissioner Jamie Russel and Sheriff Rich Martin for their interest in road commission meetings.

Motion made by Truxton to enter a closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268 1a to discuss personnel evaluation at 10:37 a.m.

Supported by Haslock.

Yeas – Truxton, Haslock, Divis. Nays – 0. Absent – 0.

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

Motion made by Divis to return to the open meeting at 12:25 a.m.

Supported by Haslock.

Yeas – Truxton, Haslock, Divis. Nays – 0. Absent – 0.

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

A motion was made by Divis to approve non bargaining unit raises.

Supported by Haslock.

Yeas – Truxton, Haslock, Divis. Nays – 0. Absent – 0.

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lake County Sheriff Rich Martin reported on various activities from his department.

County Commissioner Jamie Russel inquired about using cones to close off parking prior to the Troutarama parade.

ADJOURNMENT:

Next Meeting Date: July 24, 2025, Time: 9:00 a.m.

Motion made by Haslock to adjourn.

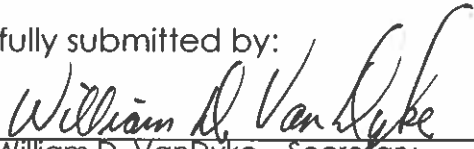
Supported by Divis.

Yeas – Truxton, Haslock, Divis. Nays – 0. Absent – 0.

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

Meeting adjourned at 12:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:


William D. VanDyke – Secretary

Approved by:


Gary Truxton – Chairman


Richard J. Haslock – Vice Chairman


Don Davis – Member